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REFERRAL AGENCIES

These Colorado and national referral agencies and organizations may be of assistance.

<u>ATTORNEY COLLECTION PRACTICES</u> – Colorado Supreme Court, Office of Attorney Regulation, 1300 Broadway, Suite 500, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 457-5800 or (877) 888-1370, <u>www.coloradosupremecourt.com/Regulation/Regulation.asp</u>

<u>BUSINESS DISPUTES AND RELIABILITY REPORTS</u> — Contact the Better Business Bureau in your area. Denver BBB, 1020 Cherokee St., Denver, CO 80204-4039, (303) 758-2100, <u>www.denver.bbb.org</u>.

<u>CONSUMER FINANCIAL PROTECTION BUREAU</u> — This federal agency investigates consumer complaints concerning banks, credit cards, payday loans, student loans, auto loans, credit reporting and mortgages. Complaints may be submitted at http://www.consumerfinance.gov/complaint/; phone (855) 411-CFPB (2372).

<u>CREDIT CARDS</u> — Search the bank on <u>www2.fdic.gov/idasp/main_bankfind.asp</u> to obtain the bank's primary federal or state regulator depending on whether it is a national bank or a state-chartered bank. For national banks, contact the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Customer Assistance Group, 1301 McKinney St., Suite 3450, Houston, TX 77010-9050, (800) 613-6743, <u>www.occ.treas.gov</u>. For state banks, contact the state bank commissioner or the Attorney General in the state that issued the credit card.

<u>CREDIT REPORTING</u> – Federal Trade Commission, Consumer Response Center, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20580, (877) FTC-HELP (382-4357), <u>www.ftc.gov</u>.

<u>FEDERAL CREDIT UNIONS</u> – National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) Region V-Tempe, 1230 W. Washington St., Suite 301, Tempe, AZ 85281, (602) 302-6000, <u>www.ncua.gov</u>.

<u>FORECLOSURES</u> – Colorado Foreclosure Hotline, (877) 601-HOPE (4673), <u>www.coloradoforeclosurehotline.org</u>. Staffed with HUD-approved nonprofit housing counselors.

<u>HOUSING INFORMATION AND REFERRAL SERVICE</u> – Community Housing Services, Inc., (303) 831-1935, <u>www.chsico.org</u>. Provides services for individuals, primarily low-income and seniors, to locate, secure, and maintain housing.

IDENTITY THEFT – Information may be found at

<u>www.coloradoattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/consumer_resource_guide/identity_theft</u>. Also contact your local police department and the Federal Trade Commission (FTC), (877) 438-4338, <u>www.ftc.gov/idtheft</u>. Equifax Fraud Unit, (800) 525-6285; Experian Information Solutions, (888) 397-3742; TransUnion Fraud Unit, (800)

680-7289; U. S. Postal Inspector (see federal government phone listing); Social Security Administration Fraud Hotline, (800) 269-0271.

<u>LEGAL RIGHTS AND LEGAL ASSISTANCE</u> – Justice Information Center, 1600 Downing St., Suite 500, Denver, CO 80218, (303) 832-1220. Fees are based on ability to pay and donations. Bilingual services are available.

<u>LEGAL SERVICES TO PERSONS ON LIMITED INCOMES</u> — Check the telephone directory under "Legal Aid". Metro Volunteer Lawyers - a Denver Bar Association organization - 1905 Sherman St., Suite 400, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 837-1313, <u>www.metrovolunteerlawyers.org</u>. Call for initial consultation fee and fees for additional services that are based on your income.

<u>METROPOLITAN LAWYER REFERRAL SERVICE</u> – 899 Logan St., Suite 408, Denver, CO 80203, (303) 831-8000, <u>www.mlrsonline.org</u>. Can refer you to an attorney experienced in dealing with your type of problem. Inquire about the fee and any fees for additional services.

MORTGAGE BROKER COMPLAINTS – Colorado Division of Real Estate, Attn: Mortgage Broker Complaint Department, 1560 Broadway, Suite 925, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 894-2166 or (303) 894-2185, www.dora.state.co.us/real-estate/index.htm.

MORTGAGE LENDER COMPLAINTS – Colorado Mortgage Lenders Association, 7000 E. Belleview Ave., Suite 203, Greenwood Village, CO 80111, (303) 773-9565 x4 or (800) 611-4832 x4, www.cmla.com.

<u>NATIONAL BANKS, FEDERAL SAVINGS BANKS, THRIFTS, AND SAVINGS & LOANS</u> — Office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Customer Assistance Group, 1301 McKinney St., Suite 3450, Houston, TX 77010, (800) 613-6743, www.occ.treas.gov.

SENIORS – For help with medical insurance and other benefits, contact the Colorado Division of Aging and Adult Services at (303) 866-2800 for referral to the appropriate agency in your area. To report financial fraud against seniors, contact AARP ElderWatch, (303) or (800) 222-4444, www.aarpelderwatch.org.

<u>SMALL CLAIMS COURT - DISPUTES UNDER \$7,500</u> — Contact your county court. There is a small filing fee but a lawyer is not required. Call the number for "Courts" in the appropriate county to obtain information.

STATE CHARTERED BANKS — Colorado Division of Banking, 1560 Broadway, Suite 1175, Denver, CO 80202, (303) 894-7575, www.dora.state.co.us/banking/index.htm and Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, 2345 Grand Blvd., Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 64108, (877) ASK-FDIC (275-3342), www.fdic.gov.

<u>STATE CREDIT UNIONS AND SAVINGS & LOANS</u> – Colorado Division of Financial Services, 1560 Broadway, Suite 950, Denver, CO 80202 (303) 894-2336, www.dora.state.co.us/financial-services/index.htm.